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METHOD FOR DISK ARRAY DEVICE )  
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Atty Docket No. WILL.0005 )

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for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**COVER LETTER**

Sir:

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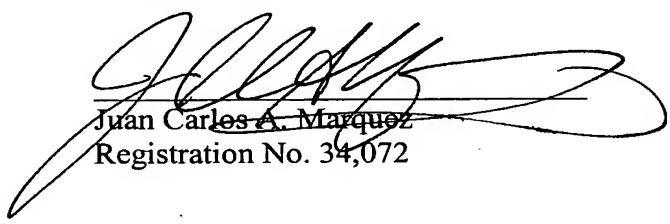
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2005, the period for response to which expires on November 25, 2005. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: